



**GOVERNOR'S ARIZONA READY EDUCATION COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
General Meeting – November 13, 2012  
10:00 A.M.**

**Location:** 1700 W. Washington  
Second Floor Conference Room  
Phoenix, AZ

**Members Present:** Dr. Craig Barrett, Superintendent John Huppenthal, Dr. Tom Anderes, Tim Carter, Sen. Rich Crandall, Pearl Esau, Rep. Tom Forese, Dr. Rufus Glasper, Glen Hamer (telephonic), Amanda McAdams, Diane McCarthy, Colleen Niccum, Merl Waschler, Sandra Watson, and Dr. Jim Zaharis

**Members Absent:** Rep. Doris Goodale, Jake Logan, Jaime Molera, and Onnie Shekerjian

**Staff Present:** Kelsey Bullington, Carissa Cyr, Rebecca Gau, and Kerry McConnell

**1. Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions**

Dr. Craig Barrett called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and introduced the purposes of the meeting, which were to discuss the Arizona Department of Education Common Core Implementation Budget, receive updates from the two Council Taskforces, and to discuss the Arizona Common Core Collaboration Plan. Dr. Barrett called for an approval of the October 4, 2012 Council meeting minutes as presented. Diane McCarthy moved for the approval, Tom Forese seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**2. Report & Discussion: Arizona Department of Education Implementation Budget**

Dr. Barrett introduced Stacey Morley with the Arizona Department of Education of Education (ADE) to present on ADE's Implementation Budget for Common Core. Ms. Morley reviewed some of ADE's objectives and goals around common core implementation. Ms. Morley updated the Council on ADE's progress, to-date, on each of these areas which included;

- Awareness and Communication
- Instructional Resources
- Professional Development
- Progress Evaluation
- Assessment Transition

Ms. Morley was asked by Supt. Huppenthal if she had a number to give to the Council members about the cost to the State on getting the needed technology into the hands of students for assessment. Ms. Morley indicated that without more information on needs it was difficult to come up with a number. Ms Morley then advised that with the information

available right now providing 5 to 1 coverage to all students, the cost would be approximately \$66 million.

- Arizona Leadership Teams

Ms. Morley then discussed expanded costs for common core implementation. Ms. Morley explained that cost were in two areas of needed personnel and professional development delivery (ACCS Estimated costs document). Ms. Morley gave information to the need of these costs and how costs were calculated. Ms. Morley did confirm that these estimations were in the “high end”. Council members had comments on the presentation and thanked Ms. Morley for presenting these figures to the Council and giving them an idea of where ADE was in common core implementation.

### **3. Reports & Updates:**

- **K-20 Funding Taskforce Recommendations**

Dr. Barrett offered an update to the Council on the work and recommendations of the K-20 Funding Taskforce. Dr. Barrett reviewed the Taskforces guiding principles and goals of the Taskforce. Dr. Barrett reviewed for the Council members the principles of the performance funding recommendations which focus on providing both achievement and growth payments to schools based on the A-F scale. Dr. Barrett then explained that the Taskforce recommends that performance funding should start small and grow over time up to a meaningful percentage of total school formula funding. Dr. Barrett then reviewed the next steps of the Taskforce to develop recommendations to simplify and modernize base formula funding for schools and conduct two research projects into student weights and spending patterns. Dr. Barrett explained that the scope of the Task force is to review the base funding model and not the base funding plus override model.

- **Graduation Rate Taskforce Recommendations**

Dr. Barrett introduced Merl Waschler who gave the Council an update on the work being done within the Graduation Rate Task Force. Mr. Waschler updated the Council on the framework and guiding principles that were adopted by the Task Force and advised that the Task Force is working on data review into state graduation rates. Mr. Waschler then introduced Rebecca Gau to review the recommendations from the Task force. Ms. Gau reviewed the seven areas of focus that were adopted by the Task force and the recommendations based off of those seven areas. Mr. Waschler then advised the Council of the Task forces next steps being a deeper dive into each recommendation, research into success rates of CTE programs, and a closer look into County schools/programs that show high success in graduation.

### **4. Report & Discussion: Arizona Common Core Collaboration Plan**

Dr. Barrett introduced Kelsey Bullington to update the Council on the Arizona Common Core Collaboration Plan. Ms. Bullington re-caped the purpose of the document which was built off of the American Diploma Project Conference and was reviewed in the October 4, 2012 Council meeting. Since the last Council meeting Ms. Bullington advised that the name of the document changed to the Arizona Common Core Collaboration Plan, a purpose statement was added and the focus areas were revised. Ms. Bullington advised that the entity listed as the coordinating agency is a reflection of those who agreed to coordinate with groups who are already working or want to be working in those fields. Ms. Bullington proposed these next steps;

- Complete the partners columns on the framework
- Convene partners by focus areas
- Convene regional/county meetings to discuss/determine progress

- Provide updates by focus area and geography to the Council

Council members discussed the document and asked a few clarifying questions on how the goals were determined. Ms. Bullington explained that goals were determined by ADE, the State Board of Education and the Public Engagement Task Force. Members discussed and agreed that coordination is key to success in these areas including budgeting for common core.

## **5. Council Comments & Next steps**

Dr Barrett advised that the next Council meeting is scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup> and requested topics for the next meeting be a look into ADE's common core implementation plan and an IT update. Pearl Esau asked to add a presentation from the Public Engagement Task Force, and Amanda McAdams asked to have a presentation from a district school on common core implementation. Member agreed to have these items added to December's agenda.

## **6. Call to the Public**

Susan Carlson with ABEC updated the Council on ABEC's work with ADE and National Center for Educational Achievement on common core. With these partners, ABEC created a presentation for the business community regarding common core and how to effectively build business and educators partnerships. On January 31, 2013 ABEC will be hosting a business education symposium with ADE to assist in building these partnerships. Also on January 15-16, 2013, ABEC will be hosting an event with Greater Phoenix Leadership and Valley of the Sun United Way to discuss closing the achievement gap.

Eileen Sigmund with the Arizona Charter School Association addressed the Council to comment on linking performance to funding. Ms. Sigmund advised that facilities are a key issue now and pointed out to the Council that in the 2012 school year found 63 district schools did not have data and are possibly vacant.

Tim Ogle AZ School Board Association thanked council for their continued work. Mr. Ogle encouraged the push forward on school funding reform and is in favor of this work. Mr. Ogle sees paralleled themes of both school finance and school reform and encourages the Council to link these efforts. Mr. Ogle also encouraged the Council to encourage people to "march in the same parade" as we move forward in these efforts.

## **7. Adjourn**

With no further business before the Council, Supt. Huppenthal motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Merl Waschler and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40a.m.